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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :  
DANIEL A. GATELY : Art Unit 1621  
Serial No. 09/016,641 :  
Filed January 30, 1998 :  
FOR: SILYLATED AND N-SILYLATED : Examiner: J. Vollano  
COMPOUND SYNTHESIS :  
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37 C.F.R. §1.116 RESPONSE TO 11/8/99 FINAL ACTION

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

1. A "Renewed Petition Requesting Reconsideration of 'Petition Decision' Mailed September 21, 1999" was timely filed on November 22, 1999 and is now pending.
2. Please cancel claim 16.
3. Please add new claim 17 (rewritten claim 16) as follows:

--17. A method which comprises:  
(i) reacting in a non-interfering solution a compound having a -CH group with a compound having the formula RM in which R is any hydrocarbyl group and M is an alkali metal wherein said compound having a -CH group is a C<sub>5</sub>-ring containing compound useful as an olefin polymerization catalyst ligand or as a precursor of such a ligand, wherein a reaction mixture containing an alkali metallide of said compound having a -CH group is produced in said solvent;

1) 11/13/00